

### **Reason for Allowance**

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record discloses the features of a machine executed method of processing files, the method comprising providing a plurality of original files; providing one or more common files, that contain information that several of the original files refer to; preprocessing the original files each to generate a respective preprocessed file, said preprocessing comprising expanding the several of the original files with the information from a first one of the common files; applying a collective preprocessing step to make coordinated changes to information from the preprocessed files; selecting one of the preprocessed files, on the basis of detection that the selected file elaborates the information from the first one of the common files. However the prior art of record does not teach or reasonably suggest the feature of regenerating regenerated files for the original files and the first one of the common files as affected by the collective processing step, said regenerating of the regenerated file for the first one of the common files being controlled using information from the selected preprocessed file, so that information in the selected preprocessed file controls how much will be included in the regenerated file for the first one of the common files. Hence, since this limitation which is in both of the independent claims of 1 and 12 is not taught by the prior art of record, then the independent claims 1 and 12 as well as their dependent claims are allowable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to HIMANSHU YADAV whose telephone number is (571)270-7829. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday, 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., alternate Fridays, est..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lewis Bullock can be reached on 571-272-3759. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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